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Pursuant to Article 8 of the California Public Utilities Commission
("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure, the Clean Coalition files this notice of
written ex parte communication.

On Thursday, August 4th, 2016 at 7:43 AM, Craig Lewis (Director of the Clean
Coalition) emailed Commissioner Catherine Sandoval regarding the *Administrative Law
Judge's Ruling Rejecting the Clean Coalition's Amended Notice of Intent to Claim
Intervenor Compensation* ("ALJ Ruling"), issued June 30, 2016. The email highlighted
the Clean Coalition's concern regarding the ALJ ruling and highlighted its role as a
ratepayer representative in Commission activities, not a competitor in the distributed
energy resources market. In addition to this background, the Clean Coalition emailed a
copy of the ALJ Ruling and the Clean Coalition's *Motion to Reconsider Administrative
Law Judge's Ruling Rejecting the Clean Coalition's Amended Notice of Intent to Claim
Intervenor Compensation*, filed August 1, 2016. This communication originated with the
Clean Coalition alone and was not solicited by anyone in Commissioner Sandoval's
office, including the Commissioner herself. Therefore, the ex parte communication does
not trigger any equal time meeting obligation.

A copy of the email is attached to this Notice.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: August 9, 2016

ATTACHMENT

From: Craig Lewis [craig@clean-coalition.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 04, 2016 7:43 AM
To: Sandoval, Catherine J.K.
Cc: Brian Korpics
Subject: Special request from the Clean Coalition

Dear Commissioner Sandoval,

It was a pleasure seeing you at the Grid Edge World Forum in June, and I hope for another opportunity to see each other again soon. In the meantime, I am hoping that you can help the Clean Coalition in regards to a surprising ALJ Ruling on the Clean Coalition's eligibility for Intervenor Compensation. On June 30, 2016, the Clean Coalition received a Ruling from ALJ Farrar that rejected our Notice of Intent to Claim Intervenor Compensation in A.15-02-009. The Ruling held that the Clean Coalition was not eligible for Intervenor Compensation due to our partnerships with municipalities, grid owners and operators, utilities, and other renewable energy industry and market stakeholders. The Ruling reasoned that these partnerships were evidence of active participation in the market for distributed energy resources, and therefore the Clean Coalition is not eligible to participate in the Program.

Given that the Clean Coalition is a non-profit that is 100% focused on environmental and ratepayer benefits of renewables and grid modernization, ALJ Farrar's logic is highly flawed. On Monday, the Clean Coalition filed a Motion to Reconsider the Ruling explaining that the Clean Coalition is a nonprofit that does not have a competitive interest in the distributed energy resources market. I am hoping that you might be willing to talk through these issues further. As you know from the Rule 21 proceeding, the Clean Coalition has been an active intervenor before the CPUC, and we bring a uniquely technical perspective that most intervenors are lacking. The vast majority of the Clean Coalition's funding comes from foundations and any collaborations from the partnerships in question simply allow us to further build our expertise and gain a better understanding of the issues facing distributed energy resources. Additionally, the Clean Coalition relies heavily on intervenor compensation to support our policy work, and without these funds we would have to considerably scale back our engagement before the CPUC.

Please find attached the ALJ Ruling and our Motion to Reconsider and let me know if you would like any additional information from the Clean Coalition. I would also be happy to file an ex parte for this email if need be.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Best regards,
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